

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow filling of stream channels and wetlands in Wise County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Dominion Virginia Power, 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060; VWP Permit #07-2334

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Dominion Virginia Power has requested a modification to the Virginia Water Protection permit for the Virginia City Hybrid Center. In order to continue the development of the Curley Hollow Solid Waste Management Facility within its permitted boundaries, the permittee has determined that they will need to dispose of 3.9 million cubic yards of excess excavated soil and rock from the footprint of the future final leachate pond. The permittee proposes an additional 1,371 linear feet of stream impacts and 0.73 acres of wetland impacts to establish an on-site disposal location for the excess material. The impacts will occur in the Clinch River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the proposed impacts, the applicant will purchase stream and wetland credits from the Virginia Aquatic Resources Fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: David Nishida; DEQ Southwest Regional Office; 355-A Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Phone: (276) 676-4800; E-mail: david.nishida@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (276)676-4899. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.